

Business Area # 3:**Inman Square/Harrington**

Boundaries: bordered by the B&A Railroad, Hampshire Street and the Somerville line.

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: the offices, shops, restaurants of Inman Square, all business establishments between 700 and 1400 Cambridge Street, offices, industries and restaurants on Hampshire Street and between 100 to 380 Prospect Street and 100 to 300 Broadway.



Inman Square

Commercial burglary increased by three incidents (+30%) in Business District #3 when compared with the first two quarters of 2002. Thursday and Sunday night breaks through rear entrances into restaurants, bars and social clubs between 1000 and 1300 Cambridge Street was identified as a pattern in January and February. The main target in these incidents was cash from registers and rear office safes. After a two-month hiatus, this series reignited with an attempt to break into a Mexican restaurant on Springfield Street in May. This series of crimes remains under investigation. Inman Square has averaged twenty commercial breaks annually over the past five years. ? A note-passing robber was quickly arrested in January attempting to hold up a Hampshire Street bank. Two strong-armed robbers victimized a factory outlet store on Cambridge Street at closing in March. Since 1997, there have been seventeen **commercial robberies** in Inman Square.? With only two crimes registered over the first six months of the year, the longstanding trend of **shoplifting** never being a problem in this business area continues in 2003.? **Larceny from person** (4 incidents in six months) is another business related target crime that seldom occurs around Inman Square. The pickpockets that frequent Harvard and Central Square are infrequent visitors to the numerous bars and restaurants of Business District #3. A high percentage of the **larceny from buildings** in this business district are concentrated in hospitals, schools, and other public buildings and revolve around the theft of laptops and personal belongings of employees.

CRIME	2 nd Quarter 2002	2 nd Quarter 2003	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	11	16	+45%
Larceny from Person	1	4	*Inc.
Commercial Burglary	10	13	+30%
Commercial Robbery	1	2	*Inc.
Shoplifting	5	2	*Inc.
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	15	22	+47%

*Note: percentages are not calculated for numbers so small as to lead to a statistically misleading percentage.